

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (U 39 M) For an Order Authorizing PG&E Under Public Utilities Code Section 851 to Grant an Easement to the Transmission Agency of Northern California to Use and Maintain an Existing Road Across PG&E Properties.

Application 02-10-017
(Filed October 16, 2002)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ADDRESSING
REQUEST BY PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
FOR EXPEDITED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) seeking an expedited procedural schedule as part of its application for this easement. By this ruling, I grant the request to shorten the protest period for this application. Protests to the application are due November 4, 2002.

Background

On October 16, 2002, PG&E filed this application requesting expedited approval of an easement with Transmission Agency of Northern California under Pub. Util. Code § 851.¹ PG&E requests an expedited procedural schedule. The application appeared on the Daily Calendar on October 24, 2002. Per Rule 44.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the deadline for filing a protest is November 25, 2002.

¹ All statutory references are to the Public Utilities Code unless noted otherwise.

The Commission has not yet issued a preliminary finding regarding the category of the proceeding. Until such time as a categorization resolution is issued, we will process the case as if the category for this proceeding is ratesetting and that hearings are not necessary. Until the Assigned Commissioner issues a scoping memo, the *ex parte* rules as set forth in Rule 7(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure apply to this proceeding.

Request to Shorten Time

PG&E requested that we shorten the time to protest its application. PG&E has made a strong argument that time is of the essence. We will require that protests be filed no later than November 4, 2002, in order to facilitate the schedule necessary to allow the Transmission Agency of Northern California to access its facilities in the event of an emergency. Protests to this application should be filed with the Commission's Docket Office consistent with the Rules of Practice and Procedure. Service of any protests should be made electronically and by hard copy on counsel for PG&E and on the assigned Administrative Law Judge (mlc@cpuc.ca.gov).

IT IS RULED that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company's motion to shorten time is granted.
2. Protests shall be filed no later than November 4, 2002.

Dated October 25, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE

Michelle Cooke
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Addressing Request by Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Expedited Procedural Schedule on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 25, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEANNIE CHANG

Jeannie Chang

N O T I C E

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